

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

(3) The optical component according to (1), wherein a spacer is formed between the substrate and the solid component by curing an outer periphery of the optical material layer, the spacer being formed to have a thickness larger than ~~that of~~ an inner portion of the ~~outer periphery of the~~ optical material layer.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18, with the following amended paragraph:

(5) An optical component, comprising a substrate, an optical material layer which is formed on this substrate, an organosilicon resin layer which covers this optical material layer, and a spacer which is formed by curing an outer periphery of the optical material layer, wherein: the optical material layer is prepared by drying a material containing any of a hydrolyzed solution of metal alkoxide, a solution of a polymer and a polymerizable monomer dissolved in an organic solvent, and a solution of an ionic bond crystal material dissolved in a solvent; and the spacer is formed to have a thickness larger than ~~that of~~ an inner portion of the ~~outer periphery of the~~ optical material layer.